

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

MAUREEN KELLY, R.N.
License # NR 12256000

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On or about September 6, 2014, a letter of inquiry issued on behalf of the Board, asking for information and documentation concerning an arrest on August 28, 2014 for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled dangerous

substance. The letter also requested documentation of nursing continuing education completed during the last three years.

3. The letter of inquiry was sent to respondent's address of record by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

4. Respondent indicated on her 2013 renewal application that she would have completed continuing education requirements for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's inquiry constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

2. Respondent's failure to document completion of required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle is deemed to constitute a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

3. Respondent's indication on her 2013 renewal application that she would have completed required continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013 is deemed to constitute misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

4. Respondent's arrest on drug-related charges on August 28, 2014 subjects respondent to the Board's requiring respondent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f), as a

condition for continued licensure, to undergo evaluation and monitoring to verify that her continued practice as a nurse does not jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 8th day of June, 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she has fully responded to the Board's request for information; until she has demonstrated completion of thirty (30) contact hours of required continuing education in satisfaction of the 2011-2013 licensing cycle; and until she has demonstrated by enrollment in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) to undergo evaluation and monitoring that her continued practice of nursing does not jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public.

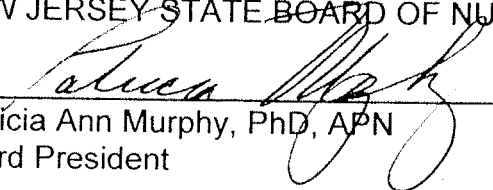
2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

3. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, as well as a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for failure to timely complete required continuing education in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, for a total penalty amount of \$750.00. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and forwarded to the attention of George Hebert, R.N., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07101, and shall be forwarded within twenty-one (21) days of the filing of this order.

3. The Board reserves the right to take additional disciplinary action in the event that information provided in response to the Board's inquiry and further investigation indicates that such action is warranted.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:



Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President